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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7114

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XM, TD

SUBJECT: POST-QUITO LETTER TO DR. WILLIAMS

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

REF: STATE 255684

1. REQUEST PERMISSION TO PERSONALIZE PROPOSED MESSAGE
FROM SECRETARY TO GOT FOREIGN MINISTER (AND PRIME MINISTER) DR.
ERIC WILLIAMS CONTAINED REFTEL. ROUND ROBIN MESSAGE AS SENT AND
WITHOUT AMENDMENT WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE IF RECEIVED BY
WILLIAMS FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) MESSAGE REFERS TO REGRET NOT "TO BE WITH YOU IN QUITO,"
WHEREAS WILLIAMS WAS NOT IN QUITO BUT WAS ON VISITS TO US,
CHINA, AND JAPAN AT THE TIME.

B) WILLIAMS IS PRESENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES ON SECOND LEG
VISIT THERE DURING CURRENT TRIP, NONE OF WHICH HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED
BY ANY MESSAGE FROM SENIOR US OFFICIAL.

C) PRE-QUITO MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO WILLIAMS (STATE
241820) WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY AMEMBASSY TOKYO WHILE WILLIAMS
WAS IN JAPAN, FAILED TO MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO WILLIAMS
SOJOURN AND SPEECHES IN THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR
THERETO.

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2. IN ORDER TO SERVE ITS DESIGNED PURPOSE OF PERSONALIZED CONTACT

AND FURTHERANCE OF IMPORTANT HIGH-LEVEL TIES, REQUEST PERMISSION TO
REPLACE FIRST PARAGRAPH (A) OF TEXT OF MESSAGE IN REFTEL WITH
FOLLOWING OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE:

QUOTE: AS YOU ONCE MORE PASS THROUGH THE UNITED STATES I
REGRET TO FIND THAT AGAIN I AM TAKEN AWAY FOR RESPONSIBILITIES
IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD. NEVERTHELESS, I HOPE THAT WE SHALL
BE ABLE TO MEET TOGETHER AT YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO COME
THIS WAY OR AT ANOTHER OCCASION SOON. LIKE YOU, OTHER FOREIGN
TRAVEL COMMITMENTS REGRETTABLY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO
ATTEND THE RECENT IMPORTANT MEETING IN QUITO. I DID MAINTAIN
CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING THE MEETING AND
RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT UPON THEIR RETURN. I AM SURE THAT YOU
HAVE RECEIVED FULL REPORTS FROM AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE. UNQUOTE.
REMAINDER OF MESSAGE UNCHANGED.

3. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT ARRANGE TO DELIVER
PROMPTLY TO WILLIAMS WHILE HE IS STILL IN THE UNITED STATES IF
POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT HAVE EXACT INFORMATION HERE ON THIS PORTION
OF US VISIT, EXCEPT THAT WILLIAMS AND PARTY ARRIVED IN SAN
FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 19 FROM TOKYO AND WILL BE IN HOUSTON, DALLAS,
ORLANDO, SARASOTA, AND MIAMI, BEFORE RETURNING TO TRINIDAD
SOME TIME NEXT WEEK. PARTY'S EXACT LOCATION UNDOUBTEDLY CAN BE
DETERMINED THROUGH US SECURITY DETAIL ACCOMPANYING PRIMINISTER.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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